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FOLLOWING REPEAT BRASILIA 3631 ACTION DEPT INFO RIO DE JANEIR
SAO PAULO DATED MAY 05:

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT BY AMBASSADOR ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON

REF: SAO PAULO 1325

1. EMBASSY HAS NOTED CONSULATE GENERAL SAO PAULO'S
MESSAGE ON A POSSIBLE VISIT BY AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON TO
BRAZIL.

2. WE WOULD GREATLY WELCOME A VISIT BY AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON.
EMBASSY, IN COOPERATION WITH ICA BRAZIL AND CONSULATES,
WOULD, OF COURSE, WISH TO HANDLE SUCH A VISIT, WHETHER IT BE UNDER-
TAKEN IN A PRIVATE OR OFFICIAT CAPACITY. CONVERSELY, FOR
THE REASONS CONTAINED IN SAO PAULO'S MESSAGE, WE BELIEVE MR.
RICHARDSON SHOULD AVOID SPONSORSHIP BY THE SAO PAULO FEDERATION
OF COMMERCE, ALTHOUGH A MEETING WITH THE FEDERATION AND AN
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APPROPRIATE SOCIAL EVENT COULD BE PART OF THE SAO PAULO
PROGRAM. IN ADDITION TO AN ADDRESS TO THE AMERICAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE SAO PAULO
PROGRAM SHOULD BE A SESSION WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SAO PAULO FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIES (FIESP) WHICH
INCLUDES MANY OF THE LEADING PERSONALITIES OF BRAZIL'S
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, AND APPROPRIATE CONTACTS IN THE

ACADEMIC, PRESS, AND INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITIES.

3. ICA BRAZIL WOULD BE GREATLY INTERESTED IN SETTING UP A PROGRAM FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON, TO THE EXTENT HIS SCHEDULE PERMITS. ONE POSSIBILITY, TO LIMIT THE DEMANDS ON MR. RICHARDSON'S TIME, WOULD BE A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION WITH LEADERS FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIFE OVER ICA BRAZIL'S EXECUTIVE CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEM WHICH WOULD PERMIT A SIMULTANEOUS EXCHANGE WITH AUDIENCES IN SEVERAL MAJOR CITIES. ALTERNATIVELY, OR IN ADDITION, ICA BRAZIL WOULD BE PREPARED TO DEVELOP AN APPROPRIATE PROGRAM OF CONTACTS, LECTURES, AND DISCUSSION MEETINGS WITH LEADERS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIFE IN RIO, SAO PAULO, AND OTHER MAJOR CITIES.

4. RE TIMING, THE FEDERATION'S INFORMATION IS THAT THE VISIT IS PLANNED FOR JUNE 12-19 (REFTEL). WE NOTE THAT AMBASSADOR SMITH HAS JUST ACCEPTED JUNE 12-13 FOR CONSULTATIONS IN BRASILIA. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT SEE THE SMITH VISIT AS A BARRIER TO A VISIT TO BRAZIL JUNE 12-19 IF THIS IS THE PREFERABLE PERIOD FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON. WE ARE INFORMED THAT ONLY TIME FOREIGN MINISTER WILL BE AVAILABLE IN BRASILIA DURING JUNE IS BETWEEN TWELFTH AND FIFTEENTH. JOHNSON UNQTE VANCE

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